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SUBJECT: IRELAND NOT TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO OSCE  
CONFERENCE ON RACISM

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1. Emboff, drawing on reftel points, spoke on September 2 to First Secretary, UN Section at the DFA Julian Clare. Clare stated that Ireland will not send a high-level delegation to the Sept. 13-14 OSCE conference on Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination. Ireland strongly supports such conferences and takes these issues seriously, but cannot attend due to lack of availability of the appropriate personnel (Clare hinted this is due mostly to internal cabinet reshuffling). Instead, Ireland will send an official level delegation of human rights specialists, to be named closer to the conference.

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